

# Lecture 6: MLE & Trinity of the Tests

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# Outline

- ▶ Maximum Likelihood Estimation
- ▶ Trinity of the Tests
  - ▶ Wald Test
  - ▶ Likelihood Ratio Test
  - ▶ Lagrange Multiplier Test

# Motivation

- ▶ Estimation method(s) we have learned so far?
- ▶ Alternatives to OLS?
- ▶ Maximum likelihood, FIML, LIML, QMLE
- ▶ GLS, FGLS, 2SLS, 3SLS
- ▶ Instrumental variable (IV)
- ▶ Method of moment, Generalized method of moment (GMM)
- ▶ Generalized empirical likelihood, EL, CUE, ET
- ▶ Bayesian, simulation-based method, SMM, SML
- ▶ Non-parametric method, semi-parametric method
- ◇ will be introduced in this course
- ◇ will be introduced in PhD courses

# Maximum Likelihood Principle

- ▶ Idea of MLE: maximize the likelihood function to obtain the estimator of the unknown parameters: R. A. Fisher's (1922) **likelihood principle**
- ▶ **Distributional assumption** will be needed
- ▶ Assume  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , is an i.i.d. random sample drawn from  $f(x_i, \theta_o)$ .
- ▶ The likelihood function (joint density) is:

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i, \theta) = \mathcal{L}(\theta | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

- ▶ The MLE of  $\theta_o$  is defined as

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \arg \max_{\theta} \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

# Maximum Likelihood Principle

## Example

Suppose

$$\Pr[X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n, \theta] = \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr[X_i = x_i, \theta]$$

If we happen to know the following:

$$\Pr[X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n | \hat{\theta}_1] = 0.891$$

$$\Pr[X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n | \hat{\theta}_2] = 0.805$$

$$\Pr[X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n | \hat{\theta}_3] = 0.899$$

$$\Pr[X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n | \hat{\theta}_4] = 0.811$$

The MLE of  $\theta_o$  is given by:

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \hat{\theta}_3.$$

# Sir Ronald Aylmer Fisher (1890 – 1962)



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

## Example

Exponential distribution is given by:

$$f(x_i) = \theta e^{-\theta x_i}.$$

The likelihood function of the exponential distribution is:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta e^{-\theta x_i} = \theta^n e^{-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}.$$

# MLE for Linear Regression Model

- ▶ Now consider the classical linear regression model,

$$Y_i = X_i' \beta + \varepsilon_i$$

- ▶ The **normality assumption** of error term has been imposed
- ▶ The log-likelihood function is: (conditional likelihood)

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\beta, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (Y - X\beta)' (Y - X\beta).$$

- ▶ FOCs are

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} X' (Y - X\beta) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} (Y - X\beta)' (Y - X\beta) = 0.$$



# MLE for Linear Regression Model

- It is trivial to obtain:

$$\hat{\beta}_{MLE} = (X'X)^{-1} X'Y = \hat{\beta}_{OLS}$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 = \frac{(Y - X\hat{\beta}_{MLE})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}_{MLE})}{n} = \frac{RSS}{n} = \frac{n-k}{n} \hat{\sigma}^2.$$

- The value of the log-likelihood function **evaluated at the optimum** is

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_{MLE}, \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2) \\ = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln\left(\frac{RSS}{n}\right) - \frac{n}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

- Here we notice that  $\hat{\beta}_{MLE}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$  but  $\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2$  is not unbiased. It shows that **MLE are not always unbiased**.

# Properties of MLE

- ▶ Under fairly general regularity condition (See Greene, pp. 474.), MLE possesses the following nice **asymptotic properties**:
  - 1 Consistency
  - 2 Asymptotic normality
  - 3 Asymptotic efficiency
  - 4 Invariance
- ▶ How about the **finite-sample properties**?

# Properties of MLE

- ▶ The MLE estimator is **consistent**, i.e.,

$$\text{plim } \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \theta \text{ or } \hat{\theta}_{MLE} \xrightarrow{P} \theta$$

- ▶ In the case of linear regression model, we have

$$\text{plim } \hat{\beta}_{MLE} = \beta \text{ and } \text{plim } \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 = \sigma^2$$

- ▶ The MLE estimator is distributed as **normality asymptotically**, i.e.,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_{MLE} - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}[0, \mathcal{I}(\theta)^{-1}],$$

where  $\mathcal{I}(\theta)$  is the **information matrix**.

# Properties of MLE

- ▶ The information matrix  $\mathcal{I}(\theta)$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) = -E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \right] = E \left[ \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \theta'} \right]. \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Equality (1) is also known as **information matrix equality** under correct model specification.
- ▶ MLE estimator is **asymptotically efficient** in the sense that it achieves the **Cramér-Rao Lower Bound (CRLB)**.  $\mathcal{I}(\theta)^{-1}$  provides the lower bound on the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix for any consistent asymptotically normal estimator for  $\theta$ .

# Properties of MLE

- Recall the **information matrix inequality**, we know that among all unbiased estimators,  $U(X_n)$ , of  $\theta_o$ ,

$$\text{var}[\sqrt{n}U(X_n)] \geq \mathcal{I}^{-1}(\theta_o) \quad (\text{LB1})$$

- Consider an estimator  $T(X_n)$  of  $\theta_o$ , which is **asymptotically normal and asymptotically unbiased**, i.e.,

$$\sqrt{n}(T(X_n) - \theta_o) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \text{asy. var}[T(X_n)]),$$

- It turns out that under some additional regularity conditions on  $T(X_n)$ , we can show that

$$\text{asy. var}[T(X_n)] \geq \mathcal{I}^{-1}(\theta_o). \quad (\text{LB2})$$

# Regular Estimator

## Definition

A **regular** estimator  $T(X_n)$  of  $\theta_o$  which is asymptotically normal and asymptotically unbiased with  $\text{asy. var}[T(X_n)] = \mathcal{I}^{-1}(\theta_o)$  is said to be **asymptotically efficient**.

# Comments on LB1 and LB2

- ▶ Consider the MLE estimator ( $\hat{\theta}(X_n) \equiv \hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ ) of  $\theta_o$ . We know that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_{MLE} - \theta_o) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{I}^{-1}(\theta_o))$$

- ▶ (LB1) is attained only under exceptional circumstances (i.e., usually need completeness), while (LB2) is obtained under quite general regularity conditions.
- ▶ The UMVUE tends to be unique, while asymptotically efficient estimators are not. If  $T(X_n)$  is asy. efficient, then so is  $T(X_n) + R_n$ , provided  $\sqrt{n}R_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$ .
- ▶ In (LB1), the estimator must be unbiased, whereas in (LB2), the estimator must be consistent & asymptotically unbiased.
- ▶ asy. var[ $T(X_n)$ ] in (LB2) is an asymptotic variance, whereas (LB1) refers to the actual variance of  $U(X_n)$ .

# Invariance Properties of MLE

- ▶ **Invariance**: The MLE estimator of  $\gamma = g(\theta)$  is  $g(\hat{\theta}_{MLE})$  if  $g(\theta)$  is a continuous and continuously differentiable function.
- ▶ Note that the function  $g(\cdot)$  is **NOT necessarily one-to-one** for the invariance property of the MLE to hold.
- ▶ For instance, MLE of  $\beta^2$  is simply  $(\hat{\beta}_{MLE})^2$ .
- ▶ Another example is that we know MLE of  $p$  is  $\hat{p} = \bar{X}$ , then the MLE of

$$\ln \frac{p}{1-p}$$

is given by

$$\ln \frac{\bar{X}}{1-\bar{X}}$$

- ▶ Note that proof for functions that are not one-to-one is not that obvious



# Asymptotic Properties of MLE

- ▶ Asymptotic distribution of MLE?
- ▶ Need to compute  $\mathcal{I}(\theta)$ .
- ▶ SOC's of the original log-likelihood function are

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} = -\frac{X'X}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial (\sigma^2)^2} = \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{1}{\sigma^6} (Y - X\beta)'(Y - X\beta)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \beta \partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{1}{\sigma^4} (X'Y - X'X\beta).$$

# Asymptotic Properties of MLE

- ▶ Information matrix ( $\mathcal{I}(\theta) = \mathcal{I}(\beta, \sigma^2)$ ) is

$$\mathcal{I}(\beta, \sigma^2) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E(X'X)}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- ▶ Joint asymptotic distribution is:

$$\sqrt{n} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_{MLE} - \beta \\ \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 - \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, n \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 E(X'X)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2\sigma^4}{n} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

# Properties of MLE: LB1 and LB2 Again

- ▶ **Individual asymptotic distribution** is trivial
- ▶ Note that  $\text{var}[\hat{\beta}_{MLE}]$  attains the CRLB (**in terms of LB1**) but not the case for  $\text{var}[\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2]$
- ▶ Recall that an **unbiased estimator**  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = e'e/(n-k)$  and  $\text{var}[\hat{\sigma}^2] = 2\sigma^4/(n-k)$ , which is greater than  $\mathcal{I}_{22}^{-1} = 2\sigma^4/n$
- ▶ In fact, no unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  can attain the CRLB (**in terms of LB1**)
- ▶ One can show:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2) = \left(\frac{n}{n-k}\right)\sqrt{n}(\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 - \sigma^2) + \frac{k}{n-k}\sqrt{n}\sigma^2 \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 2\sigma^4)$$

- ▶ both  $\text{var}[\hat{\beta}_{MLE}]$  and  $\text{var}[\hat{\sigma}^2]$  attain CRLB **in terms of LB2**

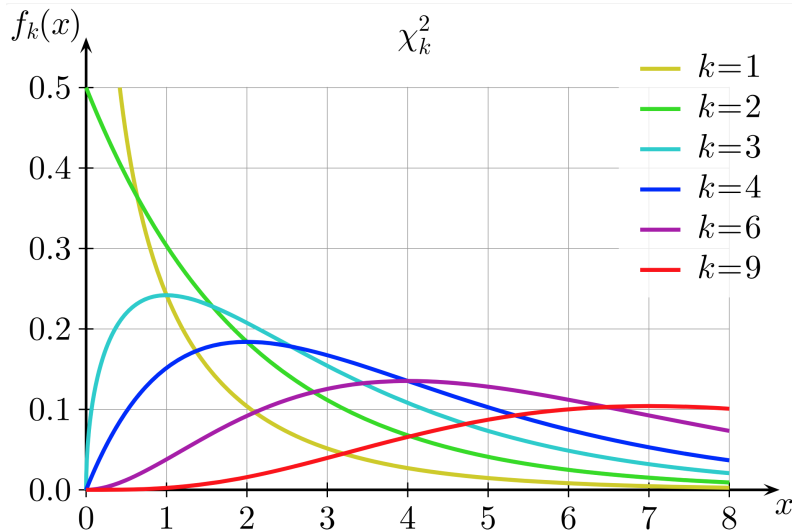
# Three Classical Tests

- ▶ Consider the general test of the restriction with the form

$$R_{J \times k} \beta_{k \times 1} = q.$$

- ▶ Based on MLE, one could construct **three types of classical tests**.
  - 1 Wald test
  - 2 Likelihood ratio test
  - 3 Lagrange multiplier test
- ▶ **Asymptotically equivalent tests**
- ▶ The finite-sample properties are not the same though

# Chi-Square Distribution



# Three Classical Tests

- ▶ We consider two sets of estimators.

Unrestricted:  $(\hat{\beta}_{MLE}, \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2)$

Restricted:  $(b_R, \hat{\sigma}_R^2)$ .

- ▶ Note that  $\hat{\beta}_{MLE} = \hat{\beta}$  (OLS) and  $b_R = b^*$  (OLS) but  $\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 \neq \hat{\sigma}^2$ .
- ▶  $\hat{\sigma}_R^2 = (Y - Xb_R)'(Y - Xb_R) / n$  is the MLE of  $\sigma^2$  under restricted model, i.e., imposing the restriction  $R\beta = q$ .

# Wald Test

- ▶ **Wald test** is the most common test in econometrics and statistics.
  - ▶  $t$  test is a special case of Wald test
  - ▶ weighted quadratic form
- ▶ It is easy because we use **only unrestricted estimator**.
- ▶ The basic idea is to check if the difference  $R\hat{\beta}_{MLE} - q$  is close to zero.
- ▶ Recall in Lec #4 we have,

$$(R\hat{\beta} - q)'(\sigma^2 R (X'X)^{-1} R')^{-1}(R\hat{\beta} - q) \sim \chi^2(J). \quad (2)$$

- ▶ Idea is to replace the unknown parameter  $\sigma$  by sample counterpart.

# Wald Test

- ▶ We also have

$$F = \frac{(R\hat{\beta} - q)'(\hat{\sigma}^2 R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1}(R\hat{\beta} - q)}{J} \sim F(J, n - k). \quad (3)$$

- ▶ One can construct the usual Wald type test statistic,

$$W = \frac{(R\hat{\beta} - q)'(R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1}(R\hat{\beta} - q)}{\hat{\sigma}^2} = JF \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(J).$$

- ▶ More precisely, we should replace  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  by  $\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2$  to obtain  $W = \frac{n}{n-k} JF$ .
- ▶ The usual  $t$ -test is nothing but a Wald test ( $J = 1 \Rightarrow Wald = t^2$ )



# Likelihood Ratio Test

- ▶ Likelihood ratio test is also known as **LR test**.
- ▶ **Both restricted and unrestricted models** should be estimated.
- ▶ Idea is to check whether the difference in log-likelihood values  $\ln \mathcal{L}(\hat{\theta}_R) - \ln \mathcal{L}(\hat{\theta}_U)$  is significantly different from zero.
- ▶ Null hypothesis again:

$$H_o : R\beta = q$$

- ▶ The LR test statistic is:

$$-2(\ln \mathcal{L}_R - \ln \mathcal{L}_U) \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(J). \quad (4)$$

- ▶ One could manipulate (4) to see the link between W and LR tests.

## Likelihood Ratio Test

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2(\ln \mathcal{L}(b_R, \hat{\sigma}_R^2) - \ln \mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_{MLE}, \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2)) \\
&= -2 \left( -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln \left( \frac{RSS_R}{n} \right) + \frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{n}{2} \ln \left( \frac{RSS_U}{n} \right) \right) \\
&= n \ln \left( \frac{RSS_R}{RSS_U} \right) \\
&= n \ln \left( 1 + \frac{RSS_R - RSS_U}{RSS_U} \right) \\
&= n \ln \left( 1 + \frac{J}{n-k} \frac{(RSS_R - RSS_U)/J}{RSS_U/(n-k)} \right) \\
&= n \ln \left( 1 + \frac{JF}{n-k} \right) \simeq JF \quad \left[ \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+a)}{a} = 1 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

# Lagrange Multiplier Test

- ▶ We call it **LM test** or **Score test**.
- ▶ It requires **only computing the restricted set of estimates**.
- ▶ Idea is to check whether the **Lagrangian multiplier** is significantly different from zero.
- ▶ One would solve for the restricted MLE using Lagrange method.

$$\ln \mathcal{L}_R(\beta, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (Y - X\beta)' (Y - X\beta) + \lambda' (R\beta - q)$$

- ▶ Recall that the optimal  $\lambda$  under restricted LS is

$$\lambda^* = (R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1}(q - R\hat{\beta}).$$

# Lagrange Multiplier Test

- FOCs are:

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_R(\beta, \sigma^2)}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}_R^2}(-2X'Y + 2X'Xb_R) + R'\hat{\lambda} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_R(\beta, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}_R^2} + \frac{(Y - Xb_R)'(Y - Xb_R)}{2\hat{\sigma}_R^4} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_R(\beta, \sigma^2)}{\partial \lambda} = Rb_R - q = 0$$

- The optimal  $\lambda$  is:  $\hat{\lambda} = \sigma^{-2}(R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1}(q - R\hat{\beta})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}[\hat{\lambda}] &= \sigma^{-4}(R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1}R\text{var}[\hat{\beta}]R'(R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^{-2}(R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1}R(X'X)^{-1}R'(R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^{-2}(R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

# Lagrange Multiplier Test

- ▶ The optimal  $\lambda$  is:

$$\hat{\lambda} = \sigma^{-2} (R (X'X)^{-1} R')^{-1} (q - R\hat{\beta}).$$

- ▶ The asymptotic distribution of  $\hat{\lambda}$  is

$$\hat{\lambda} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 (R (X'X)^{-1} R')^{-1}).$$

- ▶ The LM test is

$$\begin{aligned} LM &= \hat{\lambda}' (\hat{\sigma}_R^{-2} R (X'X)^{-1} R') \hat{\lambda} \\ &= \hat{\sigma}_R^{-2} (R\hat{\beta} - q)' (R (X'X)^{-1} R')^{-1} (\hat{\sigma}_R^2 R (X'X)^{-1} R') \hat{\sigma}_R^{-2} (R (X'X)^{-1} R')^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - q) \\ &= \frac{(R\hat{\beta} - q)' (R (X'X)^{-1} R')^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - q)}{\hat{\sigma}_R^2} \end{aligned}$$

# Lagrange Multiplier Test

$$\begin{aligned}
 LM &= \hat{\lambda}'(\hat{\sigma}_R^{-2} R (X'X)^{-1} R')\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\hat{\lambda}' R (X'X)^{-1} R' \hat{\lambda}}{\hat{\sigma}_R^2} \\
 &= \frac{(R\hat{\beta} - q)'(R(X'X)^{-1} R')^{-1}(R\hat{\beta} - q)}{\hat{\sigma}_R^2} \\
 &= \frac{RSS_R - RSS_U}{RSS_R/n} = n \left( \frac{RSS_R}{RSS_R - RSS_U} \right)^{-1} \\
 &= n \left( 1 + \frac{RSS_U}{RSS_R - RSS_U} \right)^{-1} \\
 &= n \left( 1 + \frac{n-k}{JF} \right)^{-1} \simeq JF.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Lagrange Multiplier Test

- ▶ We could easily see that the three classical tests are **asymptotically equivalent**.
- ▶ **In finite sample, the numerical values for the three tests are different.**
- ▶ One could try to compare the trinity and end up with

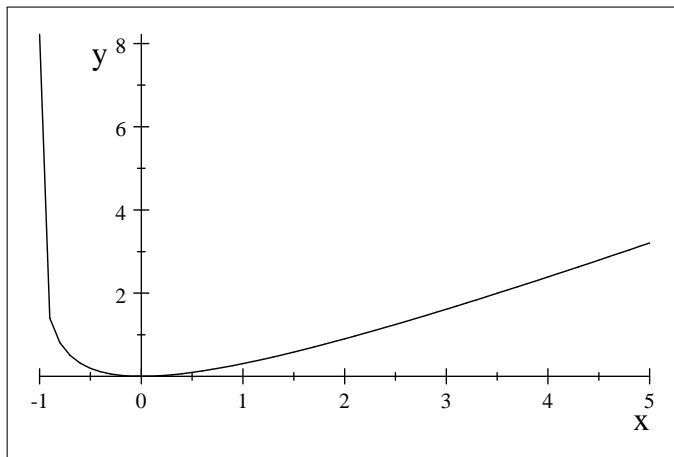
$$W \geq LR \geq LM,$$

where we use the concavity of the log function:

- ▶  $\ln(1 + a) \leq a$ , and
- ▶  $a < (1 + a) \ln(1 + a)$ .

# Lagrange Multiplier Test

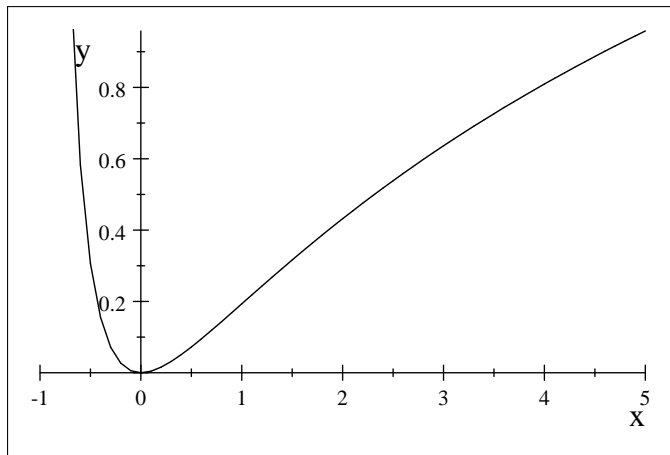
$$y = x - \ln(1 + x)$$





# Lagrange Multiplier Test

$$y = \ln(1+x) - \frac{x}{1+x}$$



# Lagrange Multiplier Test

- ▶ An alternative view of LM test is to evaluate FOCs of the unrestricted likelihood at the restricted estimates.
- ▶ The test is based on the score vector (or gradient). This is the reason why we name the Score test.
- ▶ That is,

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(b_R, \hat{\sigma}_R^2)}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_R^2} X' (Y - Xb_R) = \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_R^2} X' e_R$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(b_R, \hat{\sigma}_R^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}_R^2} + \frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}_R^4} (Y - Xb_R)' (Y - Xb_R) = 0.$$

# Lagrange Multiplier Test

- ▶ The score evaluated at restricted estimates is

$$s(\theta_R) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_R^2} X' e_R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ▶ The variance of the score is simply the information matrix.

$$\mathcal{I}(b_R, \hat{\sigma}_R^2) = \begin{bmatrix} X'X \times \hat{\sigma}_R^{-2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}_R^4} \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Lagrange Multiplier Test

- Under the null, one could form a quadratic form to conduct the testing.

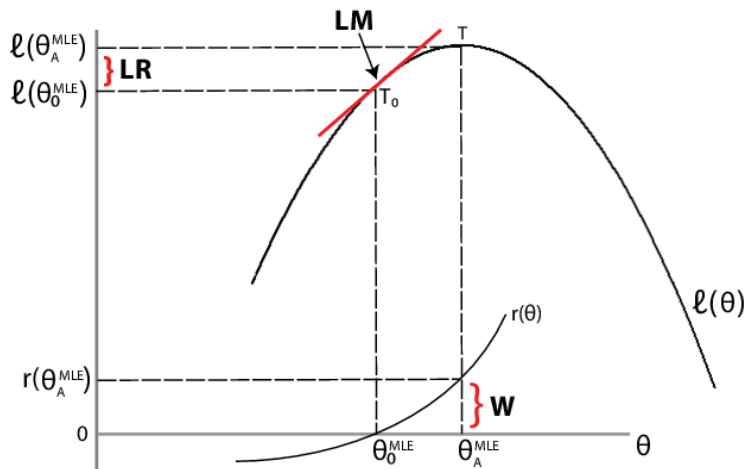
$$\begin{aligned}
 LM &= s(\theta_R)' \mathcal{I}(b_R, \hat{\sigma}_R^2)^{-1} s(\theta_R) \\
 &= \frac{e_R' X (X' X)^{-1} X' e_R}{\hat{\sigma}_R^2} \\
 &= n \frac{e_R' X (X' X)^{-1} X' e_R}{e_R' e_R} \\
 &= nR^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

- The  $R^2$  is the **uncentered R-square** calculated from the regression,  $e_R = X\gamma + \eta$ . However, if the restriction does not involve intercept term (say,  $\beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_k$ ), uncentered R-square will coincide with the centered R-square.

# Lagrange Multiplier Test

- ▶ Note that  $X'e_R = R'\hat{\lambda} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 R'(R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1}R)$
- ▶ or  $X'e_R = R'\hat{\lambda} \stackrel{d}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 R'(R(\text{plim}X'X/n)^{-1}R')^{-1}R)$
- ▶ This has a **singular** variance covariance matrix  $R'(R(X'X)^{-1}R')^{-1}R$
- ▶ **Generalized inverse** would be needed! (See Greene!)

# Graphical Illustration of Three Tests



# Test for Non-linear Restriction

- ▶ It will be relatively easy to test non-linear restriction using Wald test since it may be difficult to impose nonlinear restrictions in estimation.
- ▶ Assume the nonlinear restriction is  $g(\beta) = q$ . Using the **multivariate delta method**, the Wald test statistic is

$$W = (g(\hat{\beta}) - q)' \left( \frac{\partial g(\hat{\beta})}{\partial \beta}' \text{var}(\hat{\beta}) \frac{\partial g(\hat{\beta})}{\partial \beta} \right)^{-1} (g(\hat{\beta}) - q) \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(J),$$

where  $J$  is typically the number of nonlinear restrictions.

# Non-invariance of the Wald test

- ▶ Drawback of Wald type test for nonlinear restriction?
- ▶ Testing  $H_o : \theta = 0$  vs.  $H_o : \theta^3 = 0$
- ▶ Formulating the nonlinear hypothesis, say  $\beta_1\beta_2 = 1$  or  $\beta_1 = 1/\beta_2$
- ▶ How about LR and LM?
  - ▶ invariant to reformulating the restrictions



# Non-invariance of the Wald test: Example

## Example

Consider the model

$$Y_i = \beta + \varepsilon_i \quad \text{and} \quad H_o : \beta = 1$$

The standard t test is

$$W = \frac{\hat{\beta} - 1}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2/n}},$$

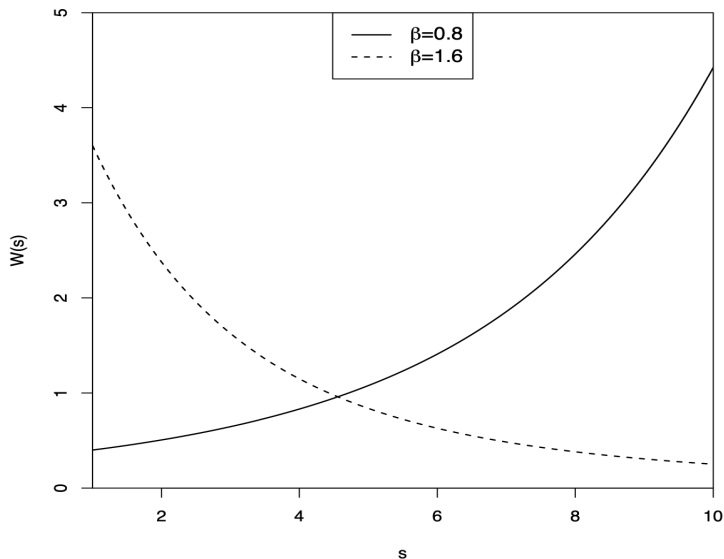
The standard Wald test is

$$W = (\hat{\beta} - 1) \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{n} \right)^{-1} (\hat{\beta} - 1) = n \frac{(\hat{\beta} - 1)^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2},$$

Now consider an equivalent test as follows:

$$H_o(s) : \beta^s = 1$$

# Non-invariance of the Wald test: Graph



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